103. Needs of the Trivandrum Taluk.

MR. T. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI, (*Member, Trivandrum taluk, Group I*) urged the transfer of the Vattiyurkavu police out-post to the jurisdiction of the Cantonment police station from that of Kazhakuttam. The *pakuthies* of Randamada, Anchamada and Aramada which came under the jurisdiction of the out-post lay within a radius of a mile or two from the Cantonment police station while Kazhakuttam was six or seven miles away. It caused much inconvenience to the people who would be really benefited if the out-post was converted into a charging station. If the proposal to establish the charging station at Pujappurai was not to be given effect to, the suggestion made about Vattiyurkavu out-post being placed under the Cantonment police station should be accepted.

The road from the fish-market, Pettah, *via* Oruvatalkotta to Kulattur was about six miles in length and passed through the congested area of Kadakampalli *pakuthi*. The road served a large population; the need for improving it had been pressed half-a-dozen times in the Assembly and the Taluk Minor Irrigation Committee had recommended it. The road should be improved and gravelled without delay.

Another work which the Minor Irrigation Committee had recommended was the conversion into a cart road of the footpath in the Anchamada *pakuthi* branching from the right side of the road from Trivandrum to Kundamankadavu and ending at the Karamana river near Trikkunnapuram temple. The path was about 2 miles long and, if a *junghar* was provided at Trikkunnapuram, the people going to Nemom and the neighbouring *pakuthies* would be benefited.

The Member said that in regard to agricultural needs of the taluk, he had very little to add to the recommendations of the Minor Irrigation Committee. The Anathazh *chira* in the Andurkonam *pakuthi*, which, if repaired, could irrigate more than 500 acres of paddy lands in the *pakuthies* of Andurkonam, Pallipuram and Kazhakuttam, should be improved entirely at Government cost as it was really a major work.

The Tampanur fields, about 50 acres in extent, were now irrigated from the Chenkalchula tank, the Chentitta tank and the Vakanjali tank. The conversion of the first into a play ground for the Arts and Training Colleges would prejudice the fields. The restoration of Vakanjali tank should be immediately taken up in the interests of irrigation as well as for bathing purposes. The Municipality should be asked to remove the latrine erected near the tank.

It would not be advisable to extend the railway to the heart of the town. The recommendation of the Economic Development Board in the matter should be accepted.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Padmanabha Pillai, with reference to the Vattiyurkavu police out-post, I may point out to you that a police out-post has no territorial jurisdiction, and it is really immaterial, so far as the people are concerned, to which particular station an out-post is attached. So long as the Vattiyurkavu out-post is located within the jurisdiction of Kazhakuttam Station, it must necessarily be attached to that station. Really, it does not make any difference to the people to which station an out-post is attached.

2. As to the road from the Pettah fish market to Kulattur *via* Oruvatalkotta, an estimate will be obtained and the work will be provided for in the budget for 1102 M. E.

3. The improvement of means of communication and agricultural needs of the taluk will be examined.

4. As regards the question of paddy fields at Tampanur and irrigation from the Chenkalchula tank, there is a proposal for converting that tank into a playground. That too is a point which I shall have further examined.

5. The other question, *viz.*, transfer of the Municipal nightsoil shed, will also be noted for examination.

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